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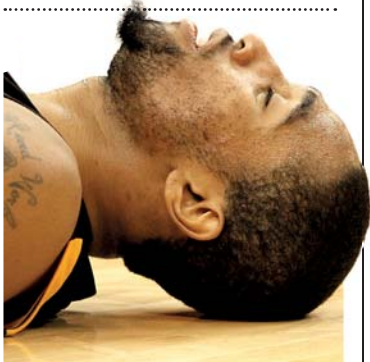


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### Time to Play ‘Reality or A Buddy Movie Premise?’

Police say a motorist fleeing officers in Cleveland abandoned his car and jumped a fence — into a women’s prison yard. The chase started Monday over a traffic violation. After a race through several communities, the driver and a passenger bolted from the car and headed for a fence. They were arrested along with two other passengers who also tried to flee. (AP)

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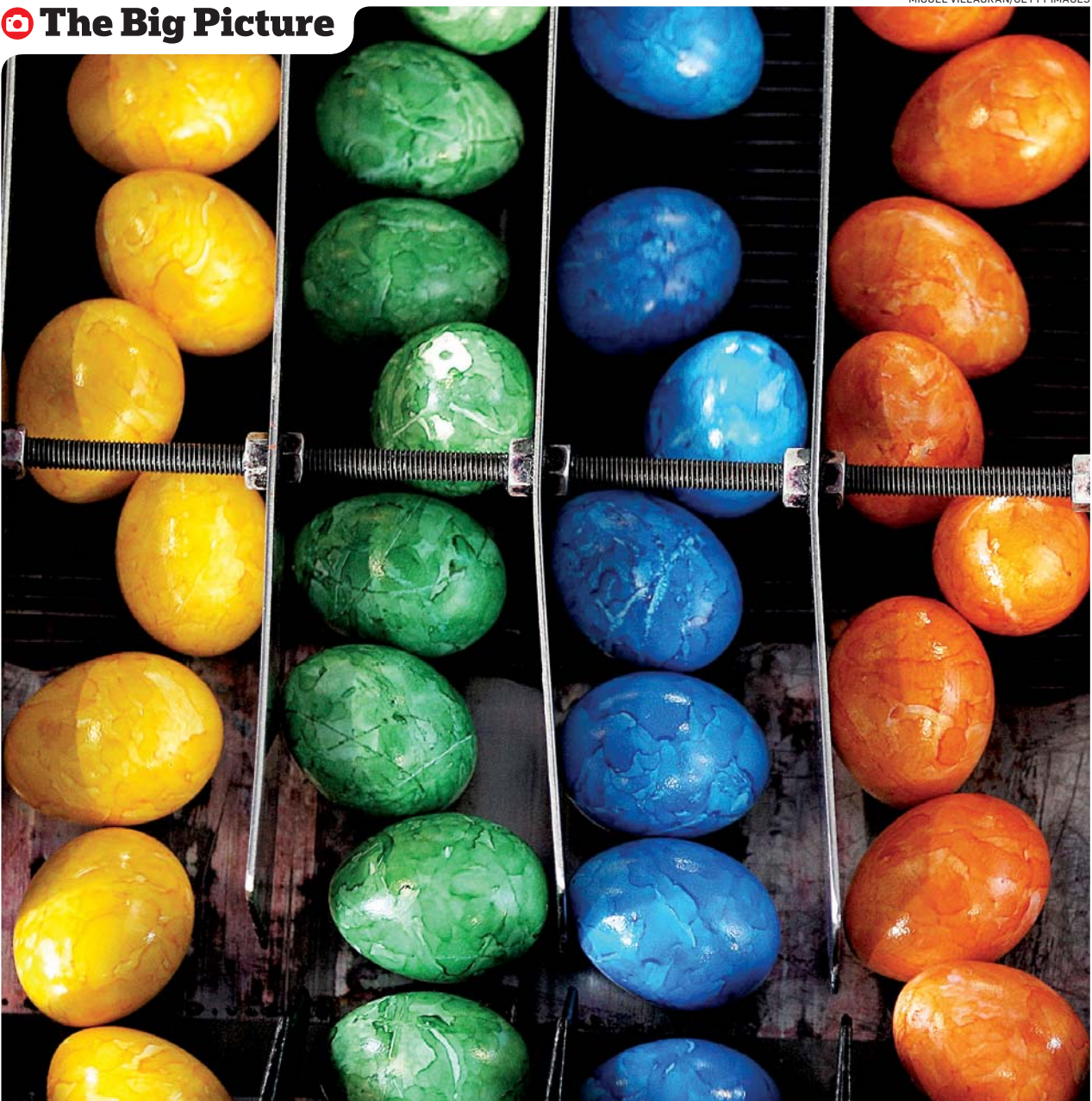
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### If Your Hat Is Made of Tinfoil, Don’t Read This

A Pace, Fla., deputy was able to track down and arrest a man on charges of illegally dumping a boat with a surprising tool: Google Earth. After finding the boat, Deputy Gregory Barnes used Google Earth’s archived aerial images to search the surrounding area and found the vessel at its prior location — Dwight Everett Foster’s home. Foster faces a \$5,000 fine and up to five years in prison. (AP)



### The Big Picture



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# Obama Signs Health Care Fixes

Final bill removes special deals, boosts insurance assistance

## Washington

Completing two major pieces of his agenda, President Obama on Tuesday sealed his health care overhaul and made the U.S. government the primary lender to college students by cutting banks out of the process.

Both domestic priorities came in one bill, pushed through by Democrats in the House and Senate, and signed into law by a beaming president at a suburban community college.

The new law makes a series of changes to the massive health insurance reform bill that he signed into law with even greater fanfare last week. Those fixes included removing some special deals that had angered some Americans and providing more money for poorer and middle-income individuals and families to help them buy health insurance.

In this final piece of health



President Obama signs the health care reconciliation bill on Tuesday in Arlington.

## Meanwhile ...

The health insurance industry has told the Obama administration that it won't block efforts to fix a potentially embarrassing glitch in the new health care law. In a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, the industry's top lobbyist said insurers will accept new regulations to dispel uncertainty over a guarantee that children with medical problems can get coverage starting this year. The fine print of the law was less than completely clear on the point. (AP)

reform, Democrats added in a restructuring of the way the government handles loans affecting millions of college students.

The law strips banks of their role as middlemen in federal student loans and puts the government in charge. The president said that change would save more than \$60 billion over the next 10 years, which in turn would be used to boost grants for students whose families have modest incomes.

PHILIP ELLIOTT (AP)

## In Brief

### WASHINGTON

#### RNC Fires Staffer Over Payment for Voyeur Club

The Republican National Committee has fired a staffer who helped organize a \$1,946 visit last month to a sex-themed Hollywood club, and the GOP says it will recoup the money from a donor who participated. An RNC memo says the Jan. 31 outing to Voyeur West Hollywood involved several members of the "Young Eagles" GOP group. An unnamed staffer, who had been warned that such activities did not qualify for reimbursement, has been fired, the memo said. (AP)

### SANTA ANA, CALIF.

#### Serial Killer Sentenced

A judge on Tuesday sentenced serial killer Rodney Alcala to death before hearing emotional testimony from the families of four women and a 12-year-old girl he strangled in the 1970s. Alcala was convicted on five counts of first-degree murder after a bizarre trial in which Alcala acted as his own attorney. (AP)

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It takes a team of hundreds to sort through the White House mail and provide President Obama with his daily glimpse "beyond the presidential bubble."



## PHRASEOLOGY

**Facebook is about to change** the way it asks its users to connect to brands and celebrities. Rather than ask people to "become a fan" of, say, Starbucks or Lady Gaga, Facebook will instead let users click that they like the subject. Facebook says changing the button will make users more comfortable with linking up with a brand and will streamline the site. The average Facebook user becomes a fan of four pages each month, according to Facebook. (AP)

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# Nation

## Record Rains Swamp NE

R.I. governor warns of once-per-century flooding conditions

Cranston, R.I.

The second major rainstorm of the month pounded the Northeast on Tuesday, pushing rivers over their banks, closing roads and schools, and shattering at least one rain-fall record.

Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri asked residents Tuesday afternoon to get home by dinnertime to avoid traveling in what officials expect to be the most severe flooding to hit the state in more than 100 years.

“The worst is still ahead of us,” he said during a broadcast carried live on the state’s major TV stations. “We’re in a serious, serious situation.”

National Guard troops were activated in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, where neighborhoods still recovering from earlier flooding were swamped by two days of unrelenting rain.



Lt. Brian Poland carries Phyllis Rego to dry land on Tuesday in East Providence, R.I.

**“The worst is still ahead of us. We’re in a serious, serious situation.”**

— DON CARCIERI, RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR, WARNING RESIDENTS ON TUESDAY ABOUT FLOODING CONDITIONS.

A storm two weeks ago dropped as much as 10 inches of rain on the same region. Although the rain tapered off in many areas Tuesday,

forecasters said the region’s rivers might not crest until Wednesday or even Thursday.

The National Weather Service said that by Tuesday afternoon, Providence, R.I., had recorded more than 15 inches of rain for the month, becoming the rainiest of any month on record. Boston also set a record for the month of March, topping a mark set in 1953, with nearly 14 inches of rain.

ERIC TUCKER (AP)

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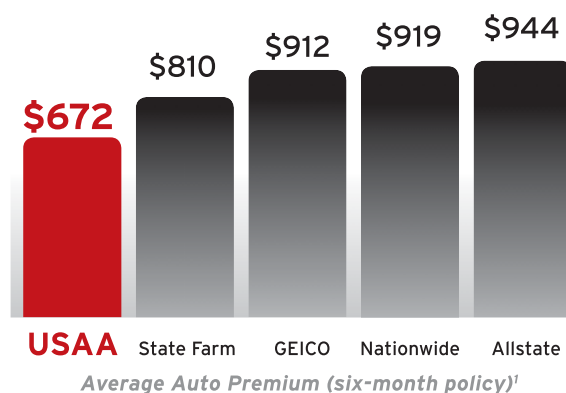


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## World

# Vatican Ready to Defend Pontiff

Church hopes to fend off U.S. suit seeking to have pope deposed

## Vatican City

Dragged deeper than ever into the clerical sex abuse scandal, the Vatican is launching a legal defense that the church hopes will shield the pope from a lawsuit in Kentucky seeking to have him deposed.

Court documents obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press show that Vatican lawyers plan to argue that the pope has immunity as head of state, that Ameri-

can bishops who oversaw abusive priests weren't employees of the Vatican, and that a 1962 document is not the "smoking gun" that provides proof of a cover-up.

The Holy See is trying to fend off the first U.S. case to reach the stage of determining whether victims actually have a claim against the Vatican itself for negligence for allegedly failing to alert police or the public about Roman Catholic priests who molested children.

The case was filed in 2004 in Kentucky by three men who claim they were abused by priests and claim negligence by the Vatican. Their attorney, William McMurtry,

is seeking class-action status for the case, saying there are thousands of victims across the country.

"This case is the only case that has been ever been filed against the

**washingtonpost.com**

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi on Tuesday dismissed calls for the pope to resign over abuse scandals, saying they were "coming from those who do not understand the Catholic Church."

Vatican which has as its sole objective to hold the Vatican accountable for all the priest sex abuse ever committed in this country," he

said. "There is no other defendant. There's no bishop, no priest."

The Vatican is seeking to dismiss the suit before Benedict XVI can be questioned or secret documents subpoenaed.

The preview of the legal defense was submitted last month in the U.S. District Court in Louisville. The Vatican's strategy is to be formally filed in the coming weeks.

Plaintiffs in the Kentucky suit argue that U.S. diocesan bishops were employees of the Holy See, and that Rome was therefore responsible for their alleged wrongdoing in failing to report abuse. **NICOLE WINFIELD (AP)**

## In Brief



People shout as they watch efforts to rescue 153 miners trapped in China.

### XIANGNING, CHINA

#### Hopes Dim for 153 Miners

Frustration mounted at a flooded mine in northern China as anguished relatives of 153 workers trapped underground briefly turned violent Tuesday amid revelations that warning signs of the flood went unheeded. Even as 1,000 rescue workers at the mine in Shanxi province drained water, hopes dimmed as rescue efforts reached a third day. **(AP)**

### LONDON

#### Study: Chocolate May Lower Heart Attack Risk

The Easter Bunny might lower your chances of having a heart problem. German researchers found people who had an average of 6 grams of chocolate per day had a 39 percent lower risk of either a heart attack or stroke, according to a study in Wednesday's European Heart Journal. **(AP)**

### BEIJING

#### Foreign Journalists Say Yahoo Accounts Hacked

Yahoo e-mail accounts belonging to at least three foreign journalists appeared to have been hacked and Google's Chinese search engine was intermittently blocked Tuesday, the latest troubles in China's censored Internet market. **(AP)**

### BAGHDAD

#### Shiite Cleric Demands Referendum on Next PM

An anti-American Shiite cleric called Tuesday for a referendum on who will be Iraq's prime minister, a proposal that added more turmoil to an already tense postelection period. The firebrand cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, made the call on his Web site. **(AP)**

# Putin Vows to Find Subway Attack Plotters

## Moscow

The old Vladimir Putin is back, confronting a terrorist attack in Moscow by using the same kind of coarse and colorful language that helped him win the presidency a decade ago.

A day after twin suicide bombings in the subway that killed 39 people, the powerful prime minister told Russians that he is certain the masterminds of the attacks would be found. No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the security services have blamed extremists from the North Caucasus, a predominantly Muslim region in southern Russia that includes Chechnya.

Putin's vow to pull terrorists "out of the sewer" recalled his famous threat to "wipe out the Chechen rebels in the outhouse" after they were blamed for a series of apartment building bombings that terrorized Moscow in 1999.

As prime minister at the time, Putin sent in overwhelming military force to pound the region into submission and was elected president the following year.

Monday's subway bombings, carried out by two women, were



A woman lights candles at a memorial inside a subway station in Moscow for victims of Monday's twin suicide bombings.

**"We know they are lying low, but it is already a matter of pride for the law enforcement agencies to drag them out of the sewer and into broad daylight."**

— **VLADIMIR PUTIN**, RUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER, ON HIS INTENTION TO FIND THOSE WHO MASTERMINDED THE TERROR ATTACK ON MOSCOW'S SUBWAY SYSTEM.

the first terrorist attacks in Moscow in six years.

Russia observed a day of mourn-

ing Tuesday, with flags at half-staff at the Kremlin and across the vast country. Relatives identified the

dead at a Moscow morgue, and tearful commuters placed candles at makeshift memorials heaped with carnations inside the two stricken subway stations in the city center.

Heightened transportation security remained in effect across the capital and elsewhere. Police with machine guns and dogs patrolled subway entrances. **LYNN BERRY (AP)**



# A Smashing Success in Geneva

Scientists at CERN accomplish historic particle collisions

Geneva

Scientists have opened what promises to be a new window on the universe, and on the matter and energy it contains, with Tuesday's record-breaking particle collisions at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, in Geneva.

At 7:06 a.m. EDT, detectors at the lab's Large Hadron Collider recorded the accelerator's first proton-on-proton collisions at energy levels roughly 3.5 times higher than



A scientist celebrates the Large Hadron Collider's particle collisions on Tuesday.

those in previous experiments.

The event marks the beginning of what researchers expect to be a historic 18- to 24-month run.

After that, scientists will attempt to drive the accelerator closer to its full design energy of 14 trillion electron volts. That energy level

corresponds to energies present when the universe was only one ten-billionth of a second old.

Hopes are high that the new proton-smashing tool can lead to breakthroughs in scientists' understanding of basic physics.

"The last revolution in physics happened about 100 years ago," says Jurgen Schukraft, a physicist and spokesman for an experiment dubbed ALICE, one of four major projects along the underground accelerator's 17-mile circumference.

Scientists had a standard model of how the world worked, "but there was some data that did not fit," he says. The outcome of attempts to

resolve the problems: general relativity and quantum mechanics, two pillars of modern science.

Today "we are in a similar situation. We have a standard model, which explains most things, but

there are a few oddities. Where does mass come from? How many dimensions are there in the universe? What is dark matter?"

With the LHC beginning its first science run, "we could very well be at the verge of a revolution similar to the one 100 years ago, which completely changed our worldview." **PETER N. SPOTTS (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)**

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# Teen's Suicide Resonates

A Mass. girl's death renews scrutiny of schools' responsibility to stop bullies

## Boston

A gay teenager in New York wins \$50,000 from a school district that failed to stop taunts about his sexual orientation. The Justice Department investigates complaints that administrators ignored racial bullying in a Philadelphia school.

And in Massachusetts, a 15-year-old girl hangs herself after she is mercilessly harassed for months — taunting and threats that school administrators knew about but did not stop. Now, with nine students charged in the bullying of Phoebe Prince, who hanged herself at her family's home in January, questions have arisen about how accountable school officials should be for stopping bullying.

"The questions to ask are: Did they follow their own rules, and did they keep Phoebe safe? Obviously not. And, did they deal effectively with the bullies? Obviously not," said Barbara Coloroso, a nationally known anti-bullying consultant, who had been contacted by South Hadley school officials months before Phoebe's death, after a young boy in nearby Springfield killed himself.

Coloroso said school officials made mistakes by failing to stop the bullying and, after Phoebe hanged herself, by allowing at least some of the students involved to continue to attend classes and a school dance with no visible signs of discipline.

Authorities say Prince, who had recently emigrated from Ireland, endured months of verbal assaults and threats after she briefly dated a popular boy.



Flowers are attached to a fence outside the home in South Hadley, Mass., where Phoebe Prince, 15, killed herself. Nine students were charged with bullying her.

DAVID R. JACKSON/REPUBLICAN AP

District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel said the inaction of school officials was troublesome but not criminal.

More than 40 states have anti-bullying laws that generally require schools to adopt a set of preventive policies. But Clemson University's Marlene Snyder said laws and policies don't necessarily help if schools don't follow through with intensive training for teachers and staff.

"In defense of teachers, very few of them have ever had training on bullying prevention, much less how to intervene without making the situation worse," she said. "Some people don't understand the dramatic and devastating effect that this kind of treatment can have on a child."

School officials had previously said they did not know about Phoebe's harassment before she committed suicide. They have said some students accused of taking part in the bullying have been disciplined and will not return to class.

Legal experts said it would be difficult to charge school officials criminally but said Prince's family could have a cause of action in a wrongful-death lawsuit.

"If the mother told more than one school official what was going on, it would come down to what she actually told them, and then if they did nothing about it and something bad happened as a result; that is a basic argument that the school was indifferent and could be legally liable for what went on," said Peter Hahn, a Newton attorney who specializes in education and juvenile law. ENISE LAVOIE (AP)

## Backstory

Massachusetts is one of only seven states without a specific law targeting school bullying, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The Legislature cited Phoebe's death and the apparent suicide of 11-year-old Carl Walker-Hoover of Springfield last year in passing anti-bullying legislation earlier this month. The Legislature still needs to approve a final version before sending it to the governor. (AP)

## Other Cases

**NEW YORK:** In upstate New York, the Mohawk Central School District agreed Monday to do more to protect students from harassment as part of a settlement with a gay teenager who claimed he was relentlessly bullied. The boy, described only as 15-year-old Jacob, now goes to another school, and his father said he hopes other districts take note of what happened in the working-class village.

**GEORGIA:** In Georgia, 11-year-old Jaheem Herrera committed suicide at his Atlanta-area home last year after his parents say he was repeatedly tormented in school. School officials denied it, and an independent review found bullying was not a factor, but his family rejects that conclusion.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** At South Philadelphia High School, Asian students say they've endured relentless bullying and racial epithets by black students while school officials ignored their complaints. The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a complaint in January with the U.S. Justice Department. (AP)

**"BOTTOM LINE IS, THEY COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING, BUT THEY DIDN'T. MY PERSONAL BELIEF IS IF YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD THESE KIDS ACCOUNTABLE, THEN YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD THESE ADULTS ACCOUNTABLE, TOO."**

— TED MATHEWS, A SOUTH HADLEY PARENT WHO SAID HIS 13-YEAR-OLD SON WAS HARASSED AT SCHOOL SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE PHOEBE PRINCE WAS.



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## Local

# Ehrlich Set for Rematch

Ex-Md. governor will run against O'Malley for the second time

Baltimore, Md.

Former Maryland governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., a Republican, said Tuesday that he will try to win his job back in November, confirming plans for a much-anticipated rematch with Gov. Martin O'Malley, the Democrat who defeated him in a bitter contest four years ago.

The announcement, planned Wednesday morning in Montgomery County, sets up a fight



Ehrlich

O'Malley

for a second term between two of the state's dominant political personalities, both of whom are fierce competitors and don't particularly like the other.

The race could also go a long way toward determining the relevance of Republicans for years to come in the heavily Democratic state.

Ehrlich said that he had concluded two years ago that there was no way he could win another statewide race but said he has felt emboldened by a shifting public mood that has produced unexpected Republican victories in other states.

"Clearly, the environment did change," Ehrlich said during a conference call with reporters, during which he confirmed plans for a Wednesday morning announcement in Rockville followed by an event that evening in his boyhood home in Arbutus. He said other events would be announced around the state for later next week.

JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Vincent Gray Makes It Official



**D.C. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN** Vincent Gray laughs with supporters and the media after filing paperwork allowing him to raise money in his run for mayor at the Reeves Municipal Center in D.C. Tuesday. Gray, who is challenging Mayor Adrian Fenty, said, "The reality is we can do better in the District of Columbia."

MARK GALT/TWP

## D.C. Medical Marijuana Bill Moves Forward

Washington

The District of Columbia would allow a person to have up to 2 ounces of marijuana a month for medical use, under a bill that moved forward Tuesday.

The bill would not allow patients to grow their own marijuana, but a committee would study whether to allow so-called "home cultivation" by patients and caregivers, and make a recommendation by 2012.

The bill was approved by two city government committees on Tuesday. It still needs approval of the full council, an approval that could come as early as May. (AP)

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# Star Power Lacking at Final Four

Teamwork wins out over individual playmakers this year

## Men's Final Four

John Wall, despite his prodigious talent, isn't at the Final Four. His Kentucky Wildcats were knocked out a game short. Ohio State's Evan Turner flamed out, too, a round earlier. Villanova's Scottie Reynolds didn't even come close.

It's Final Four time, and the stars won't be out. They'll be at home or in the stands along with famous alums such as Magic Johnson, and maybe Jay-Z or some other celebrity.

In their place will be teams. Not four guys and a soon-to-have-his-own-shoe-line star. Five teammates who rely on each other and need help from those guys coming off the bench.

This Final Four will be won by the final fivesome.

"The megastar that maybe you normally seem to find in these Final Fours maybe isn't there," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "I think it's refreshing that you're looking at four teams that 'team' is maybe the most important thing."

This Final Four isn't devoid of star players. There are future pros and potential pros on every team.

Duke has the trio of Kyle Singler, Nolan Smith and Jon Scheyer. Durrell Summers and Korie Lucious have turned it up in the tournament for Michigan State. Gordon Hayward has been the man at Butler, Da'Sean Butler Da' man for West Virginia.

All are great players, capable of taking over a game at any time.

They're just not top-of-the-marquee guys, like North Caro-

## Who's Out



**JOHN WALL:** Kentucky's star freshman was ousted in the Elite 8 by West Virginia.



**EVAN THOMAS:** Ohio State's forward couldn't make it out of the Sweet 16.



**SCOTTIE REYNOLDS:** A second-round exit ended the Villanova star's career.

## Who's In



**DA'SEAN BUTLER,** W.Va.



**DURRELL SUMMERS,** Mich. St.



**NOLAN SMITH,** Duke



**GORDON HAYWARD,** Butler

**"It might be refreshing and enjoyable to watch teams that are going to have to rely on each other to advance a little bit more than maybe one person."**

— **TOM IZZO,** ON THE LACK OF A TRUE SUPERSTAR IN THIS YEAR'S UNUSUAL FINAL FOUR.

lina's Tyler Hansbrough last year and Derrick Rose of Memphis the year before.

These Final Four teams are straight off a Red Auerbach fundamentals video, playing defense, setting screens and getting everyone involved.

Without a true one-and-done-style star, it's the only way they

were able to reach the final weekend in Indianapolis.

"Nobody's playing perfect — nobody's even coming close to playing perfect," Butler coach Brad Stevens said. "But the team that sticks to their plan, that does what they do as well as they can for 40 minutes has a great chance of winning." **JOHN MARSHALL (AP)**

## How They Got Here

A look at what the Final Four teams relied on for their success.

- ▶ Michigan State, which dealt with injuries all season, rallied around each other when Kalin Lucas ruptured his Achilles' tendon.
- ▶ Butler returned every starter from last year and relies on cohesion.
- ▶ Jon Scheyer, Nolan Smith and Kyle Singler are Duke's go-to guys, but it's a different star every night.
- ▶ Da'Sean Butler powers West Virginia, but it's the Mountaineers' gritty defense that's the real star.

# Butler Acts To Resolve Ticket Flap

## Men's College Hoops

The feverish contest among students at Butler to score NCAA Final Four tickets took an unusual twist Tuesday when the school confiscated 178 tickets and redistributed them.

The Indianapolis school of more than 4,000 students took the action one day after some band members, cheerleaders, members of the Dawg Pound student cheering section and other insiders shared priority log-on information to a ticket Web site in violation of school rules.

That led to a sellout of the \$25 tickets before the general student population had a chance to obtain them Monday afternoon, Butler spokesman Marc Allan said.

"It's not fair at all," one student, Maria Keyler, told television station WRTV. "I mean, we all waited anxiously to get tickets, and we got a text at 12:15 saying tickets were already sold out, and we hadn't even received the link yet." **(AP)**

## TV Lineup

- WIZARDS (8 P.M., CSN)** One of the worst months in franchise history ends for the Wizards when they play the New Orleans Hornets.
- NBA (10 P.M., ESPN)** The Utah Jazz hosts the Golden State Warriors as the regular season winds down.
- BASEBALL (1 P.M., ESPN)** The New York Yankees and Minnesota Twins play an exhibition game.
- SOCCER (9 P.M., ESPN2)** The U.S. women's national team plays Mexico in Salt Lake City.
- TENNIS (1 P.M., 9 P.M., CSN)** The quarterfinals of the Sony Ericsson Open in Miami are on.
- PREP HOOPS (8 P.M., ESPN)** The McDonald's All-American Game tips off in Columbus, Ohio.

## HIRINGS

**Former UCLA coach Steve Lavin** agreed to become the basketball coach at St. John's on Tuesday. The school said a news conference to introduce Lavin would be held Wednesday. Lavin has been an analyst for ESPN since UCLA fired him in 2003. He had a 145-78 record with UCLA, leading the school to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 five times. The Bruins reached the final eight in 1997, his first season. **(AP)**





## Sports

# Semenya to Return to Racing

S. African runner hasn't gotten word on her gender status

## Track and Field

Caster Semenya is tired of waiting for track and field's ruling body to release the results of her gender tests and plans to return to competition.

What's unclear is whether any meets will allow the world champion to run. "I hereby publicly announce my return to athletics competitions," Semenya said in a statement on Tuesday shortly after a meet in South Africa denied the 19-year-old's request to run.

Semenya has not raced or spoken publicly since winning the women's 800-meter race at the world championships in Berlin in August, when her dramatic improvement in times and mus-



Caster Semenya hasn't raced since her gender was called into question last year.

cular build led the International Association of Athletics Federations to order gender tests.

The IAAF is still reviewing the results to determine Semenya's eligibility. The organization has refused to confirm or deny Australian media reports that the tests indicate Semenya has both male

and female sex organs.

Semenya has not been banned or suspended but said Tuesday she had grudgingly committed to wait while the IAAF determined its stance on her eligibility. Now, however, the process has gone on too long, and Semenya said her career and livelihood were being impacted. (AP)

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## Sports

### In Brief



**Al Skinner's style won games but didn't draw many fans to Boston College.**

#### MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

### BC Parts Ways With Skinner After 13 Years

Al Skinner is out as the Boston College basketball coach, ending a 13-year tenure in which he led the Eagles to more wins than anyone else in school history—many of them in front of lackluster home crowds who never embraced the program. Athletic director Gene DeFilippo said Skinner's departure was by mutual agreement, but it had all the markings of a firing: Skinner will be paid for the remaining three years on his contract, and DeFilippo discussed at length the teams' shortcomings while referring to the move as "my decision." (AP)

#### MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

### UTEP Names Floyd Coach

Former USC basketball coach and one-time Texas-El Paso assistant Tim Floyd is headed back to Texas to be the head coach at the school he once served under Don Haskins. Floyd left USC in 2009 amid allegations of recruiting violations involving O.J. Mayo. Floyd has denied any wrongdoing. (AP)

#### SOCCER

### Pet Dog Bites Maradona

Argentina coach Diego Maradona has left a Buenos Aires clinic after undergoing reconstructive surgery on his lip to repair a bite from one of his pet dogs. A Los Arcos clinic official, who declined to be identified, said Maradona was discharged Tuesday and was in good condition after surgery on his upper lip. (AP)



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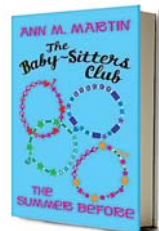


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**Blood Money**  
Stephenie Meyer  
to release 'Twilight'  
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## Off the Cuffs



### What Would Claudia Wear?

**Call me** hopelessly nostalgic, but I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge a major event happening this week: the release of "The Baby-Sitters Club: The Summer Before" (\$17, Scholastic). A prequel to the long-running book series — a seminal part of my mid-'80s childhood — follows the earnest middle school sitters in their delightfully lo-fi world. (Telephone landlines! Flashlight Morse code messages! Kid-Kits!)

But my tweenage-level excitement over the book — yes, I asked for an advance press copy and devoured it in about an hour — isn't just about a touching trip down memory lane. The BSC introduced me to my first-ever fashion icon: the artistic, almost avant-garde Claudia Kishi. (And I'm not the only one: The hilarious and popular blog *Whatclaudiawore.com* has been waxing on Miss Kishi's outré outfits for three years now.)

I wouldn't be the fashion lover I am today without that early encounter with Claud and her hair combs, lace-up sandals and dangly fruit earrings. (Also deserving of accolades for their style influence: Jessica Wakefield, *Sassy* magazine.) And while you might not find me in, say, alligator barrettes or polka-dot high-top sneakers, Claud's passion for both kicked off a lifetime ambition in me to dress a little less Kristy and a little more crazy.

# The Never-Ending Story

Nicholas Sparks  
eeks more mileage  
out of his well-worn  
formula for weepies

## Film Review

Have you heard the one about the two photogenic kids who meet in a Southern beach town, overcome differences in class and temperament, and fall madly in love only to find that, in this cruel, cruel world, tragedy finds a way of trumping hormones?

It's "Dear John," right? Yes. But it's also "The Last Song," the second Nicholas Sparks movie to hit theaters in the past two months, a development only moonstruck teen girls and the facial tissue industry will welcome.

Sparks wrote "The Last Song" at the behest of Miley Cyrus, who will soon end her run on "Hannah Montana" and wants to expand her brand into movies.

The 17-year-old Cyrus has an undeniable presence, but her dramatic abilities largely consist of two moves — scrunching up her face and staring wistfully into the distance.

She's doing a little of both when we first meet her character, Ronnie, a sullen teenager seething at the idea of spending the summer at her father's beachfront Georgia home. Apparently, Ronnie is some kind of musical genius but hasn't touched the piano since her parents' divorce several years ago.

While dad (Greg Kinnear) busies himself bonding with Ron-



Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus star in "The Last Song," in which — SPOILER! — someone dies and personal growth ensues.

## Back Story

### A Novel Agenda

Writing "The Last Song" for Miley Cyrus wasn't just about churning out a script. Though the screenplay did come first, author Nicholas Sparks, right, says he developed the story with the same attention to detail he applies to his books. "After I wrote the screenplay, I thought, 'Oh, great, this is it. I'm going to do a novelization.' Nope. That novel was so challenging to write on a number of levels that had nothing to do with the screenplay," he said. "You want to make it its own unique work, because, primarily, I am a novelist. I wanted a really good novel." (AP)



nie's little brother, Ronnie fends off the wholesome advances of Will (Liam Hemsworth), the local hunk/mechanic/aquarium volunteer/volleyball stud.

Both men soon melt Ronnie's

cold, cold heart, and when a bunch of turtle eggs that Ronnie and Will have tended end up hatching and all those baby turtles paddle off into the foamy Atlantic, you think, maybe, just maybe things

are going to be OK for these two crazy kids.

But since "The Last Song" is another leg on the never-ending Nicholas Sparks Death Tour, you always sense the Reaper's bony hand circling over the proceedings, waiting to randomly pick off another victim. Sure enough, it's not long before someone's mentioning "medicine" and insisting "I'm fine."

The movie's proximity to "Dear John" makes Sparks' use of tragedy as a device all the more risible, and director Julie Ann Robinson shamelessly milks the situation to such a degree that she'd probably have the Transformers' army of Decepticon robots bawling their sensors out. **GLENN WHIPP (AP)**

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top stops

1 **Reasons to Be Totally Depressed**

Neil LaBute has made a career of writing plays about people doing terrible things to each other. "Reasons to Be Pretty," now at the Studio Theatre, is kinder than his other work, but it's still full of profanity and pain. And it's about the shallowness of American culture. Whee? **F.Z. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through May 2; 202-332-3300, [Studiotheatre.org](http://Studiotheatre.org). (Dupont Circle)**

2 **Reel Singin', Reel Dancin'**

Opera and ballet are gorgeous but expensive. If you want to see them for free, either sneak into the Kennedy Center or head to the Atlas Center on Wednesday nights for free screenings of filmed productions of great operas and ballets. Tonight's is "Swan Lake," performed by the Mariinsky Ballet. It's about birds or something. **F.Z. Atlas Center, 1333 H St. NE; 7 p.m., free; 202-399-7993, [Atlasarts.org](http://Atlasarts.org).**

3 **Golden Girl**



Hey, it's not summer yet! How are there free movies already? Whatever, we'll take it. Asylum is showing a Reese Witherspoon double feature of "Election" and "Freeway." Witherspoon hasn't done a big movie in awhile — except voice-over work, which hardly counts — but "Election" is a fantastically disturbing and funny film that reminds you how great she can be. **F.Z. Asylum, 2471 18th St. NW; 8 p.m., free; 202-319-9353, [Asylumdc.com](http://Asylumdc.com).**



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# Unmistakable Identity

'In Plain Sight' puts a face on the Witness Protection Program

### Crime

**USA 10:00** "In Plain Sight" returns for a third season as Mary Shannon (Mary McCormack) recuperates from a bullet wound and struggles to remember her assailant.

For the uninitiated, "Plain" follows FBI agents who monitor criminals and witnesses given new identities and placed under federal protection in the arid Southwest.

Despite its sun-blasted desert locale, "Plain" is decidedly darker than other USA fare, such as "Psych," "White Collar," "Burn Notice" and "Royal Pains."

Misanthropic Mary sets the tone, chattering almost nonstop about how much she would rather be left alone. This doesn't stop her from embarking on a new case



Mary (Mary McCormack, left) is fed (get it?) up with her mom (Lesley Ann Warren).

almost the minute she leaves the hospital.

Look for guest star Donnie Wahlberg, a transplanted Boston burglar turned struggling diner owner who falls under suspicion when local criminal activity seems remarkably similar to

his old line of work.

Other recurring guest stars include Lesley Ann Warren as Mary's mother. Allison Janney, Steven Weber, Rita Moreno, Tess Harper and Josh Cooke are also slated to appear this season. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

### Best Bets

**CBS 8:00**

#### The New Adventures of Old Christine

Oh, Christine! Who else could begin seeing a therapist who shares Matthew's office space and wind up in a relationship that, well, is in need of professional therapy?



**CW 8:00**

#### America's Next Top Model

The girls portray vampires while posing in a blood-filled bathtub in a bit that we're sure has nothing to do with cross-promoting "The Vampire Diaries." Back at the loft, two girls get into a screaming match.

**CBS 8:30**

#### Accidentally on Purpose

Abby and Davis have their significant others spend time with Billie and Zack to prevent them from finding out about the surprise shower being planned.

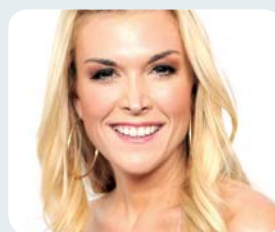
**CW 9:00**

#### Fly Girls

Mandy and Louise go to New York to visit a hard-partying guy Mandy is interested in. Tasha and Nikole, left, attempt to put aside their personal conflict as they work at a Virgin America charity event together. Farrah questions her future as a flight attendant in the episode "Turbulent Relationships." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



### Reality



#### Bag Lady

On "High Society" (9:30 p.m., CW), Tinsley, above, drops by the factory to check out her new handbag line. Paul finds himself at the center of a new scandal in the Page Six column. Dale investigates the Prince and his royal relations. A socialite snubbing is among the high notes at the opening of the New York City Opera. Dabney Mercer also appears in the new episode "Page Sixed." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Left: Vendors display T-shirts for sale at Robinson's Place mall in Manila, Philippines. Right: Shoppers relax inside the SM Mall of Asia in Manila, the world's third-largest mall.

## Sunbathing, Shoes and Sales

With gigantic malls, the Philippines is a shopper's paradise

### Destinations

The Philippines is known for many things: beautiful beaches, overseas workers and the multitude of shoes owned by former first lady Imelda Marcos.

But less known to the West is that the archipelago is a shopper's dream, the home of three of the world's 10 largest malls. That's remarkable, given that the Philippines is about the size of Arizona.

Shopping, along with eating and basketball, is an important national pastime. Filipinos take their mallgoing so seriously that it's practically their only destination every weekend. Many of the malls in the metro Manila area are mini-cities, with supermarkets, theaters, spas and even skating rinks.

Air-conditioned malls are also a welcome escape from the tropical heat and humidity.

It's easy for English-speaking tourists to shop in Manila because the language is widely spoken. At flea markets, feel free to haggle.

Megan Lacy, a 22-year-old Indianapolis resident, found a bargain

### Overseas Bargains

The best deals in Philippines malls are on clothes and accessories.

- ▶ A pair of jeans often costs \$5 to \$7.
- ▶ Summer dresses might cost about \$10.
- ▶ Bags, belts and heels can run you as little as \$5 — even at department stores. (AP)

at Greenhills, in Manila's suburb of San Juan. She flew to the capital this past winter with her fiancé, a Filipino-American, as a missionary from her church.

"The prices are very reasonable,"

said Lacy, who bought a freshwater pearl necklace and earrings for about \$30. "This would easily cost me double back home."

But it's tougher to find bargains in electronics because they have to be imported from the U.S., Japan and elsewhere.

When shopping for clothes, be aware that sizes tend to run small to fit smaller Asian frames. Cotton fabrics also tend not to be pre-washed, so they'll shrink in the dryer. So, that souvenir for your teenage son — "My parents went to the Philippines and all I got was this T-shirt" — could end up as a shirt for your 9-year-old. **DEBORAH YAO (AP)**

### Real Deals

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**WHEN:** Friday-through-Sunday stays May 21-Sept. 3; add \$50 per room per night for April 2-May 14.

**DETAILS:** Rates are based on a two-night stay for a family of four (two adults and two children). Hotel taxes of 11 percent and an occupancy tax of \$2 a night are additional. Contact [Jw-marriottstarpass.com](http://Jw-marriottstarpass.com).

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## Hoppy Time of Year for Bunny Museum

### Attractions

It started 18 years ago with an endearment and a plush bunny.

Today, Steve Lubanski and Candace Frazee live in the Bunny Museum in Pasadena, Calif., where they have the world's largest rabbit collection, with more than 26,000 items. Guinness World Records dubbed them the largest in 1999 when there were only 8,437 pieces in the house.

Frazee counts and catalogs the collection and keeps track of visitors — hovering around 16,000.

The couple are surrounded by rabbits, from wallpaper to wind chimes. Thousands of items are in storage because there is no space left.

This time of year is like Christmas, because Easter makes stores nearly as bunny happy as they are.

Lubanski, 52, and Frazee, 53, who have seven real bunnies, met



Bunny Museum co-owner Candace Frazee talks on a Bugs Bunny phone.

at a singles seminar in 1992. She called him "Honey Bunny" and he gave her a stuffed rabbit for Valentine's Day.

In the beginning, they gave each other bunny gifts on holidays. Then every day. At their 1994 wedding, he dressed as a bunny; they did the bunny hop and ate carrot cake.

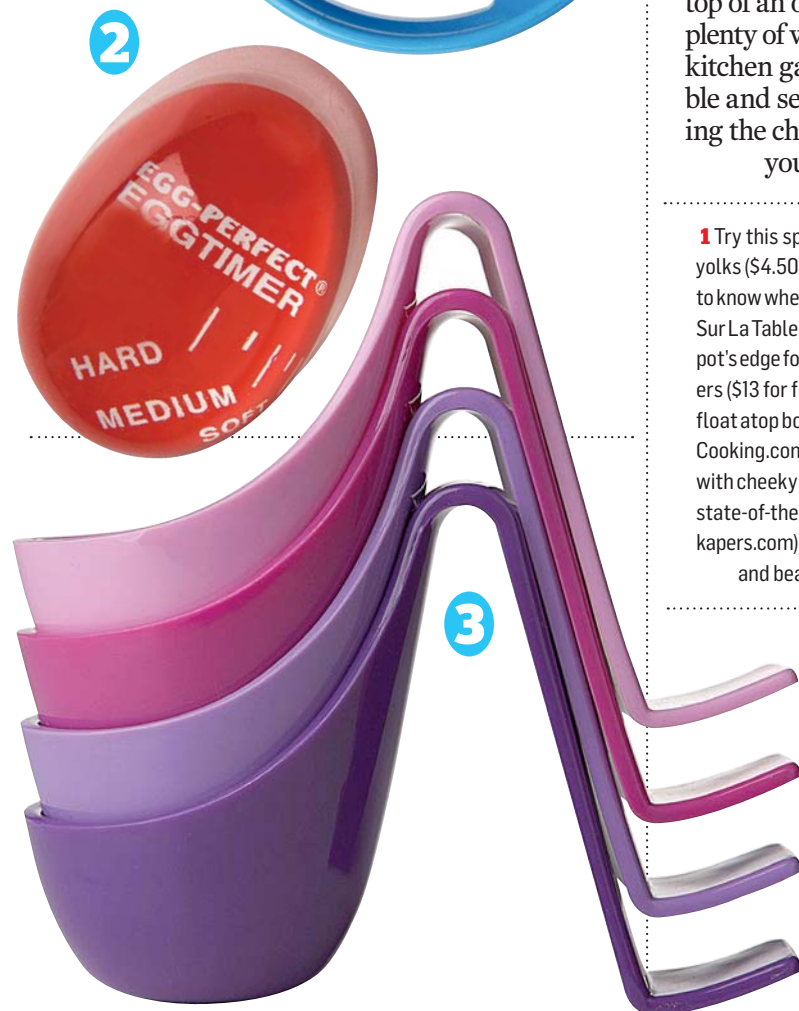
In 1998, they opened the museum, calling it the "hoppiest place in the world." Admission is free, by appointment only. (AP)



# In on The Yolk

**We have eggs** on the brain, thanks to this weekend's Easter holiday. (Huge chocolate rabbits also hop through our mind lately, thanks to a certain basket-wielding bunny.) But whether you prefer yours dyed, decorated and carefully hidden — or just adorning the top of an overladen brunch plate — there are plenty of ways to cook a better egg. Try these kitchen gadgets to hard-boil, poach, scramble and serve your next dozen. As for resisting the chocolate version? Sorry — you're on **YOUR OWN.** BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

**1** Try this spiffy separator by Rosti to divvy up whites and yolks (\$4.50, Amazon.com). **2** Add this egg timer to the pot to know when eggs have cooked to soft, medium or hard (\$5, Sur La Table stores). **3** Vessel's Eiko oeuf boilers hang on the pot's edge for mess-free cooking — plus they double as holders (\$13 for four, Vessel.com). **4** Fusion Brands' poach pods float atop boiling water for easy eggs Benedict (\$10 for two, Cooking.com). **5** Alessi's goldfish egg cup blends fine china with cheeky charm (\$30, Alessi-shop.com). **6** Progressive's state-of-the-art slicer cuts, dices and wedges (\$15, Kitchen-kapers.com). **7** Zak! Designs' Shake Me egg shaker separates and beats, no whisk required (\$19, Amazon.com).



## Mixed Media

### Way Beyond Honey Baked



### "Ham: An Obsession With the Hindquarter" (\$30, Stewart, Tabori & Chang)

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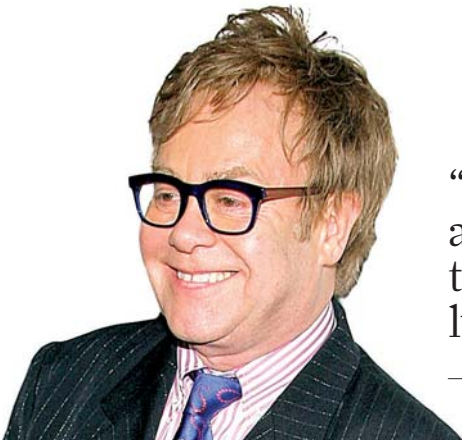
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## Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You may feel as though you're being asked to forge ahead without all the information you really need. Employ caution.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You'll find yourself enjoying a bit more authority than usual. Don't wield it carelessly.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Teamwork is the key — and as is so often the case, success depends upon the timely exchange of accurate information.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) You may have trouble reaching someone in charge, but once you do, you'll find that your grievances are carefully weighed.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You may meet someone who claims to be a fan of yours — and what begins could prove to be beneficial to both parties.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to receive important news from the most unlikely of sources. Disbelief will quickly be transformed into belief.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be frustrated by someone else's efforts — and yet he or she is doing nothing to stand in your way intentionally.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can take advantage of an accident and put yourself in a position of greater advantage over your closest competitor.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A revelation of sorts sends the day in a completely new and exciting direction. Are you ready to take advantage of new opportunities?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may feel somehow crowded by circumstances, and you'll be eager to free yourself even from self-made restraints.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take a good look at what is coming, and you'll realize that your view of the future is more positive than you had supposed.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others are likely to gravitate toward you. As a result, you will have all the help you need when the time comes — and more.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 203

E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>

1st Letter Triple

RACK 1

A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>

RACK 2

E <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>

Double Word Score

RACK 3

E <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>

RACK 4

### Yesterday's Solution

H <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	
C <sub>3</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>8</sub>
S <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>

PAR SCORE 145-155

RACK 1 = 15  
RACK 2 = 110  
RACK 3 = 57  
RACK 4 = 63  
TOTAL 245

### FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

## Sudoku

MEDIUM

2				1				7
	3	4				6	1	
		6				9		
3			4		5			6
			6		2			
8			1		3			4
		7				2		
	8	9				1	7	
1				6				8

### Yesterday's Solution

5	8	3	6	4	1	9	2	7
6	4	7	9	5	2	1	3	8
1	9	2	3	7	8	5	4	6
9	7	4	2	8	6	3	1	5
3	6	8	5	1	9	2	7	4
2	1	5	4	3	7	8	6	9
8	2	6	7	9	3	4	5	1
7	5	1	8	2	4	6	9	3
4	3	9	1	6	5	7	8	2

**Need more Sudoku?** Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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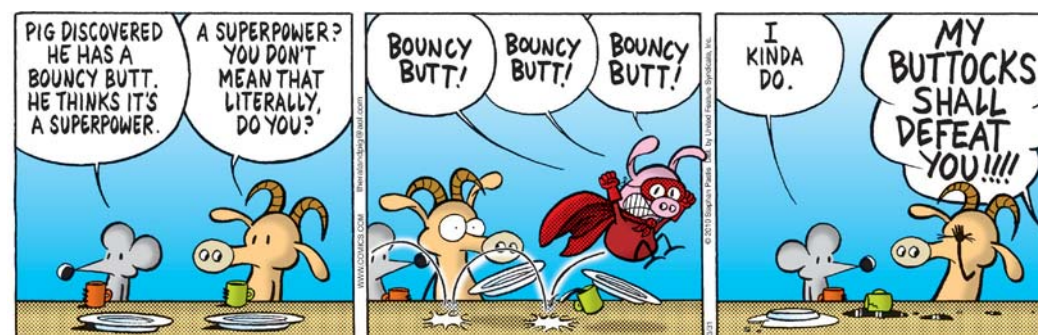
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## Forecast

**70 | 49**

**Today:** Turning sunny, breezy and warmer today. Mainly clear tonight.

**76 | 58**

**Tomorrow:** Sunny and very warm tomorrow. Mainly clear and mild tomorrow night.

### Looking Ahead

**FRI** **SAT** **SUN**

**82 | 56 80 | 55 72 | 50**

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:55 a.m.  
Sunset today: 7:31 p.m.  
Moonrise today: 9:51 p.m.  
Moonset today: 7:22 a.m.

### Almanac

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## Crossword

## FAILURE IS AN OPTION

### ACROSS

- 1 Buddy of the Clintons, e.g.
- 4 Belch
- 9 "\_\_\_ the night before Christmas"
- 13 "Knit one, \_\_\_ two"
- 14 Kind of eclipse
- 15 LP-playing system
- 16 Flute or saxophone variety
- 17 Amounts by which something increases
- 19 Deli counter order
- 21 "Rumor \_\_\_ it ..."
- 22 Ticked off
- 23 Fail suddenly, as a laptop
- 27 Ancient calculator
- 29 Desdemona's husband
- 31 Assembly of church leaders
- 32 Immature newt
- 33 Drain cleaner component
- 34 Cause of a big splash
- 39 Tire-pressure meas.
- 42 Ambulance-chaser's exhortation
- 43 Compel to accept
- 47 Wins, at an auction
- 50 Bad smell
- 51 \_\_\_ up (stopped being a fool)
- 52 Figurative use of a word
- 55 "Murder, \_\_\_ Wrote"
- 56 It was first tested in 1952
- 59 Having incalculable worth
- 62 Skin moisturizer ingredient
- 63 Thanksgiving tradition
- 64 Penned up
- 65 Waggle dance performers
- 66 Booty
- 67 Minds, as a bar
- 68 Palm Sunday mount

### DOWN

- 1 Soothing song for baby
- 2 Cabinetmaker, e.g.
- 3 Congressional Black Caucus, e.g.

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- 4 Passes over in pronouncing
- 5 Littlest litter mates
- 6 At the original length
- 7 Transport to a new location
- 8 Long hike
- 9 "And \_\_\_ off!"
- 10 When repeated, advantageous to both sides
- 11 Away from the bow
- 12 Bro's foe, at times
- 13 Turkish titles, once
- 18 Field for an engr.
- 20 Pianist's exercise
- 24 More than most
- 25 "You \_\_\_ dog, you!"
- 26 Soil loosener
- 28 Male swan
- 30 Final amt.

- 32 Cataract site
- 35 It's dropped before tripping
- 36 Purify ceremonially
- 37 More than occasionally
- 38 "A Descent Into the Maelstrom" author
- 39 Captive soldier
- 40 \_\_\_ generis (unique)
- 41 "\_\_\_ De-Lovely"
- 44 Foot comforters
- 45 Average dudes
- 46 Ancient Nile city
- 48 On \_\_\_ of (as a proxy for)
- 49 Short, descriptive poem (var.)
- 50 Puts the pedal to the metal
- 53 Bruce Wayne's ward
- 54 Checked out a hottie

- 57 Bunnies under the bed
- 58 Rum-laced cake
- 59 Tiny terror
- 60 Born, to Bardot
- 61 Kilmer of "Top Gun"

### Yesterday's Solution

## Today in History

**1889** French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurls the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

**1933** Congress authorizes the Civilian Conservation Corps, providing vocational training and jobs for unemployed young Americans.

**1995** Singer Selena is killed by her fan club founder in Texas.



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**EMOTIONS****Love: Knowing You Are Even More Boring Single**

Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt of MTV's "The Hills" are not splitting up, according to People.com. "I love my wife more now than I ever thought I could," Pratt said. "I'm not moving out. I love Spencer with all my heart," Montag said. Though Montag says the topic of divorce did come up when she fired Pratt as her manager, she was just "being dramatic." (EXPRESS)

**DISORDERS****Jesse James Mistress Fatigue Syndrome Claims First Victim**

Sandra Bullock is ready to divorce her husband, Jesse James, sources have told Radaronline.com. The Web site also reports that a fifth mistress is about to come forward. "She has been consulting attorneys and PR the past few days," a source said. The woman wants money but has had difficulty finding representation. (EXPRESS)



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Take a break from the crossword and deface this image of Jesse James.

**Victims****Rip Torn Still Your Crazy Drunk Uncle**

Rip Torn pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges stemming from his Jan. 29 arrest inside a bank after hours. Torn, 79, was so intoxicated he thought the bank was his home. He is charged with criminal trespass, carrying a gun without a permit, carrying a gun while intoxicated, burglary and criminal mischief. (AP)



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**MOTIVATIONS****Charity, Greed or Both?**

"Twilight" scribe Stephenie Meyer has a new book coming out: "The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner," due out on June 5. The novella is told from the viewpoint of Bree, a newborn vampire featured in the third "Twilight" novel, "Eclipse." One dollar for each book sold in the U.S. from the first printing of 1.5 million copies will be donated to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. (AP)

**OVERACHIEVERS****Yet Daddy Will Still Never Be Proud of You**

James Franco has been accepted into Yale University's English Ph.D. program, Yale campus newspapers reported. "James loves Yale, and it is more than likely his first choice," said Franco's manager, Miles Levy. Franco is currently enrolled in an MFA program at Columbia University. His short story "Just Before Black" was published in Esquire this week; a collection of his stories called "Palo Alto" will be released in October. (EXPRESS)

**"It was a tough 30 seconds, and they showed every second of it."**



— KATE GOSSSELIN, ON "DANCING WITH THE STARS" PARTNER TONY DOVOLANI. SHE CRITICIZED HIM DURING REHEARSAL, AND HE SAID, "I QUIT." HE HAS SINCE APOLOGIZED.

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